



SGMS Newsletter

**Sidney Gutierrez
Middle School**

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From the Principal's Desk



With SBA testing completed and just five weeks left of the school year, we are beginning to set our sights on next year, by reflecting on what worked this year, what needs reinventing, and what needs to be revisited. With each new 6th grade class, we see differences in the incoming students that we have to evaluate and address in our planning and teaching. I am sure next year will be no exception. If you as parents have any comments or ideas that you would like to share with us that would help us in our reflective process, we would welcome them. Teachers, parents, and students have different perspectives on what takes place in the classroom, and we all benefit from sharing ideas and experiences.

I would also like to remind everyone that the school has a long waiting list. While we would love to see each and every 6th and 7th student return next year, families sometimes have to answer to other priorities. If for any reason your child will not be returning to SGMS next year, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can fill the vacancy and allow other families to plan their upcoming school year as well.

Thank you.

J. Andreis, Principal

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High Prairie Poetry Contest Winners

We received the results from the Spring Poetry Contest held by the High Prairie Poetry Society, and we did very well. In the 5-6th grade category, Jake Andreis took Third Place and Zach Jennings received Honorable Mention. In 7-8th Grade, Ashlea Watley received First Place, Breanna Saenz Third Place, and Adrian Lopez received Honorable Mention. Johanna Eskeli and Stephanie Robertson had Poems of Merit. The students will read their poems and received their awards on Sat., Apr. 24 at 2:00 pm at the Bassett Auditorium at the Roswell Museum.

Young Author's Camp

Mrs. Lawner and Cynthia Gustamantes from Monterrey Elementary, both fellows from the High Plains Writing Project, will hold a Young Authors' Camp for SGMS students the week of June 7. The main focus of the camp will be film-making. Applications will go home shortly with more details. Keep an eye out for the sign-up form.



Seventh graders work on their storyteller sculpture.

PTO News

Start saving items for the annual PTO yard sale on April 24. You can bring items to the school or Mrs. Lawner's home at 712 N. Lea. Volunteers to help set up and work the sale are needed!

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, at 5:30 at the Anderson Museum.



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Home of the Falcons

**Mid 9 weeks ends
April 16.**

School Trips and Activities



Seventh graders must return permission slips for the Cottonwood Gulch trip! Please do so ASAP!

SGMS's next service learning trip is to Bitter Lake on Friday, April 16, to restore duck habitat.

Eighth grade commencement ceremony is set for Tuesday, May 18. Watch for more details soon.

We have many IEPs to complete between now and the end of the year. Please let Mrs. Gazdik know if you cannot attend a scheduled meeting, so she can reschedule you as soon as possible. This is an extremely busy time for all of us, but especially Mrs. Gazdik. Help us keep the process moving forward!

A reminder that 7th graders should be collecting the packing supplies that are on the list of items they received that they will need for Cottonwood Gulch trip.

8th Grade Trip to Albuquerque

The end of year trip was an exciting two days in Albuquerque. The students visited the New Mexico Holocaust and Tolerance Museum where Rudy Florian, who was born in 1934 to a German family living near the border with Poland, told us what life was like in Nazi Germany, communist East Germany, and in the South during Jim Crow, all of which he experienced first hand.

Tuesday night destination was Popejoy Hall, and a moving performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Wednesday morning brought a unique tour of the new Federal District Courthouse courtesy of Judge William "Chip" Johnson and his staff, and we got to observe some interesting criminal courtroom proceedings and met Federal Magistrate Pugliese in his chambers where he explained how criminals were processed through his courtroom. A tour of the UNM campus followed, and we ran into some SGMS alum on the way: Gabby Chacon, Aaron Hooper, and Katie Schneider. Thanks to chaperones Amanda Guajardo, Dan Horn, and Ms. V!



Students with Rudy Florian at the Holocaust Museum and on the UNM. Campus.

